स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी० सिल्वरा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

(ङ) सूचना शिक्षा और संचार प्रयासों पर अधिक बल, शिशु जीवन रक्षा और सुरक्षित मातृत्व कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत अधिक कवरेज, बेहतर सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए चिकित्सा तथा पर चिकित्सा कर्मचारियों की प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने परिचर्या की गुणवता में सुधार तथा गर्भ निरोधकों की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ।

Observation made in the conference on population policy

2864. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 3-days Conference organised by a Women' feature service on population policy, role of mass media was held in New Delhi from 5th February, 1994;

(b) whether the Conference noted that population control policies view women as more reproduction machines and that untested contraceptive vaccines and other contraceptives methods are being freely used on Indian women, being freely used as guiny pigs; and

(c) what were the other main observations and suggestions made therein; and

(d) the Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) The Department was not associated with the Conference mentioned in the question and does not have any information about its proceedings.

Creation of mising autonomous council

2865. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam has decided to create a Mising Autonomous Council (MAC) within the State of Assam at par with that of the Bodoland Autonomous Council; and

(b) if so, how many Mising dominated villages will be included in the proposed Council and by when the final decision will be taken to create such Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) While some dialogue in this regard has been continuing between the Government of Assam and the representatives of the Mising tribe, no decision has been taken so far.

Amendment to 55th Amendment Act, 1956

2866. SHRI NYODEK YONGAAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the 55th Amendment Act, 1986 for withdrawal of special powers conferred on Governor of Arunachal Pradesh as the State of Arunachal Pradesh occupies a unique position as "an island of peace and amity" in the troubled North-Eastern region of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government does not have any proposal currently under consideration to amend the 55th Amendment Act, 1986. Earlier

a proposal was received from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh. After examination, the State Government was informed that the Constitution 55th Amendment Act, 1986, which confers special responsibility on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh with respect to Law and Order is an enabling provision designed to authorise the Governor to intervene in special circumstances. It is not to be used in a routine manner. Nor is it intended as an encroachment on the legitimate authority of the elected Government. In view of the unique and sensitive location of the State, it was decided that the existng provisions may continue.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को ताम्रपत्र प्रदान किया जाना

2867. **श्री राम देव भण्डारी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मधुबनी जिले (जिसे पहले दरभंगा जिले के रूप में जाना जाता था) के जिन स्वतन्त्रता सैनानियों को "ताम्रपत्र" से सम्मानित किया गया है, उनके नाम व पते क्या हैं ;

(ख) मधुबनी जिले के जिन व्यक्तियों को "ताम्रपत्र" प्रदान करने से इन्कार कर दिया गया है, उनके नाम व पते क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या वे पदक उन्हें दिये जायेंगे, यदि वे उन्हें अब लेने के लिये तैयार हों ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इससंबंध में उनसे पत्र-व्यवहार करेगी?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) बिहार राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार दरभंगा और मधुबनी नामक दो वर्तमान जिलों के निम्नलिखित तीन स्वतन्त्रत सेनानियों को ताम्रपत्रों से सम्मानित किया गया है :—

क्रम संख्या	नाम और पता
1.	डा. बैद्यनाथ झा जिला मधुबनी
2.	श्री दिगम्बर ठाकुर जिला मधुबनी
3.	श्री शोभा कान्ता झा जिला दरभंगा

(ख) उपलब्ध रिकार्ड के अनुसार किसी भी स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी ने "ताम्रपत्र" लेने से इन्कार नहीं किया है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Implementation of Bodo Accord

2868. SHRI RATAN BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodo Accord is yet to be implemented due to various reasons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect/save the accord in the greater interests of North East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Substantial progress has been made in implementing the Bodo Ascord. This *inter-alia*, includes enactment of the Bodoland Autonomous Council Act, 1993, constitution of an Interim Bodoland Executive Council and demarcation of the boundary of the BAC by the Government of Assam. Speedy implementation of the Accord continues to receive utmost attention of the Central and the State Governments.